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Dear President Carter:

As preacher in the Full Gospel Pentecostal Church, and established in this faith for several decades, I would like to bring to your attention the outstanding human service work of another church in the religious community. Rev. Jim Jones, founding minister of the Peoples Temple, and recently recognized as one of the hundred most outstanding ministers by Religion in American Life, has worked for twenty-five years to bring people of different faiths together despite theological, economic, ethnic, or racial differences. Because of his success in establishing a membership of thousands, and his spreading the message that Christ, our personal Saviour, was fearlessly committed to a world of racial and economic equality, he and his church have been attacked by a handful of detractors. These people have managed to momentarily attract the attention of the media through ridiculous lies, false allegations, and sensationalistic smears about this obviously deeply committed Christian work. It reminds us of Scriptures warning that those that work for good "will suffer persecution".

I am pleased to see that Rev. Jones has ignored these attacks, knowing I am sure that the truth in the end will be victorious. He is presently building a New Testament community in Jonestown, Guyana, in South America, where 1500 of his membership have in only four years carved a city out of once virgin jungle. Two thousand visitors including the United States State Department, the U.S. Ambassador to Guyana, and numerous other governmental officials as well as scientists and teachers from Guyana and throughout the Caribbean have filled the guest register book with statements of praise.

Scripture also states that Jesus took onto His shoulders the burden of government. These fine Christians through their human service ministry, have attempted to fulfill Matthew 25 in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and ministering to those in prison. I have been privileged to donate thousands of pounds of meat to aid their programs. I hope you will invoke the authority of your high office and put an end to these senseless attacks so that Christians across this country will know that one working as hard as Rev. Jones is to practice the Gospel, has the blessing and protection of the President.

In Christ's name,

Rev. Malcolm H Young

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